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Editor of the Journal of Speculative Philosophy:

The argument of Mr. Spencer, (*First Principles*), shows that evolution is attended with loss of heat, citing, *inter alia*, as an instance, the earth, the contraction of which was coincident with loss of heat. According to Mr. S.'s view, it is further shown that evolution ends in dissolution. But he shows that dissolution is attended with acquisition of heat. Will Mr. S. explain how it is that evolution, which is attended with loss of heat, can end in dissolution, which is attended with the acquisition thereof?

M. M. COHN.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 25, 1875.

BOOK NOTICES.

La Filosofia della Scuole Italiane, Rivista Bimestrale contenente gli atti della Società promotrice degli studj filosofici e letterarj. Roma.

The first appearance of this philosophical periodical was noticed by this journal in 1871 (Vol. V., p. 94). In 1872, upon the commencement of the fifth volume, its place of publication was transferred from Florence to Rome, where it has remained. A table of contents to the first three volumes and to two parts of Vol. IV. has been given (J. Sp. Phil., Vol. VI. p. 189). In order to make the notice of this able periodical complete, a translation of the contents of the numbers that have appeared since is here given. Two volumes of three numbers each appear annually. The editorial corps, commencing with the fifth volume, included Count Terenzio Mamiani *editor-in-chief*, with G. M. Bertini, L. Ferri, F. Bonatelli, and G. Barzellotti *associates*. It will be noticed that each number contains a report of the transactions of *The Society for the Promotion of Philosophy and Letters*. In fact this review is the organ of that society.

Vol. IV.. Part 3—Contents—(1). Transactions of the Society for the Promotion of the Study of Philosophy and Literature in Italy; a circular to the members of the society. A list of the members resident in Rome. An account of the proceedings of the society during the years 1870-71. Letter of the secretary, Augusto Franchetti, concerning the general assembly of the 29th October, 1871. (2). Philosophical Conversations, by F. Bonatelli. (3). The Second Revival of the Academy in Italy. Letter to Dr. G. Descours di Tournay, by Terenzio Mamiani. (4). The Influence of Philosophy upon the National Spirit of Germany, by Dr. Giuseppe Descours di Tournay. (5). Philosophy of Religion, Church and State, by Terenzio Mamiani. (6).